SCANDINAVIA BY RAIL with ICELAND  Aug - Sept 2021

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By popular demand we repeat this tour...

August 27th: COPENHAGEN Arrive today in Copenhagen and rest from your flight. Meet your fellow travellers tonight at the Welcome Dinner. [D]

August 28th: COPENHAGEN Discover “beautiful, beautiful” Copenhagen on this morning’s city sightseeing tour. This afternoon why not take a canal cruise and discover Copenhagen from this unique perspective, and visit the Little Mermaid. [B]

August 29th: COPENHAGEN A free day to visit more of Copenhagen’s museums and palaces. [B]

August 30th: STOCKHOLM Our luggage is taken on ahead as we join our Swedish high speed X2 tilt train, commencing our love affair with the great trains of Europe, departing Denmark across “The Bridge” – made famous in the eponymous Nordic noir thriller TV series. We break the journey for a visit to the historic University and cathedral town of Lund, then continue to Stockholm. [B,D]

August 31st: STOCKHOLM On this morning’s sightseeing tour we discover Sweden’s capital where “modernity meets tranquillity”, the home of IKEA, Volvo and ABBA. Founded in the Stone Age, Stockholm is spread across 14 islands. A highlight will be the City Hall, where the Nobel Prize banquet ceremonies take place, and the Vasa Ship Museum. [B]

September 1st: STOCKHOLM A free day to enjoy some of Stockholm’s many fine museums. Your Tour Director will accompany those interested to the highly acclaimed Skansen open air folk museum. [B]

September 2nd: OSLO On an Intercity train today, we cross the border to Norway and her capital Oslo, where our luggage awaits our arrival. [B,D]

September 3rd: OSLO Our morning city sightseeing includes the Akershus Fortress, and the Opera House. In the afternoon why not visit the National Gallery and see Edward Munch’s famous painting “The Scream”. [B]

September 4th: OSLO A free day for sightseeing – Vigelandsparken Sculpture Park, the Viking Museum, the Kon Tiki Museum and the Holmenkollen Ski Jump (for magnificent views of the city). [B]

September 5th: FLAM Today’s train journey across Europe’s highest mountain plateau, and down the steep descent into the village of Flam is repeatedly voted “the world’s best train ride”. Tiny Flam, nestled on the water’s edge is our home for 2 nights. Our luggage awaits. [B,D]

September 6th: FLAM This morning’s exploration around Flam includes an ascent to the Stegastein Lookout for breathtaking views down to the water 2,000 feet below. After lunch take one of the many local walking trails for sweeping fjord views. [B]

September 7th: BERGEN Our luggage is taken on ahead as we cruise down the fjord today, enjoying more spectacular scenery to join the Bergen railway into Norway’s second city. There will be time this afternoon to get to to know this city, before dinner in Bergen’s oldest restaurant in the historic waterfront area. [B,D]

September 8th: BERGEN We commence our sightseeing tour of Bergen with a funicular ride to the top of Floyen, one of the seven mountains surrounding Bergen. The views across the city and harbour are stunning. Back at the bottom we walk among the old wooden houses along Bryggen – the historic wharf area now included on UNESCO’s world heritage list. [B]

September 9th: BERGEN Bergen was the home of Norway’s greatest composer Edward Grieg, and this morning’s sightseeing focuses on his life and work. A free afternoon. [B]

September 10th: BERGEN – COASTAL FERRY A free morning to enjoy the waterfront or climb some more of Bergen’s 7 mountains, before our afternoon transfer to board our coastal ferry for the 2 day journey along the coast and through the fjords of Norway’s West Coast. [B,D]

September 11th: COASTAL FERRY Enjoy the views of the fjords from your cabin or from the deck of our ferry. This is not just a tourist ferry, but the regular supply ship serving the coastal communities all the way up Norway’s West Coast. [B,L,D]

September 12th: TRONDHEIM Arrive today in Trondheim and settle into our overnight hotel. Our sightseeing of this historic city – a former capital of Norway – includes the cathedral, the waterfront, and the Old Town. [B,D]

September 13th: BODO Our final and most Northerly train journey today – the Nordland, beyond the Arctic Circle – with sweeping coastal views to Bodo. In the Tour Director’s humble opinion, this is one of the great rail journeys of the world. Given the local terrain, we travel today with our luggage. [B]

September 14th: BODO Our final day in Norway: explore this coastal town with a tragic World War Il history, do your last minute souvenir hunting and take one last sundowner on the waterfront before our Farewell Dinner. [B,D]

September 15th: FAREWELL Fly today to Oslo or Copenhagen, where our tour ends on arrival. Or you may choose to join us for a fascinating 7 day Add-on tour of Iceland.
ICELAND ADD-ON TOUR
POST-TOUR ADD-ON TO THE SCANDINAVIA BY RAIL TOUR:

Enjoy Iceland’s magical scenery – waterfalls, lagoons, geysers, volcanoes, glaciers – on this early autumn visit, with a slight likelihood of a Northern Lights viewing. Flights from Norway on Day 20 of the Scandinavia by Rail Tour, and on to London at the end of the Iceland Add-On are included.

Day 1: Arrival in Reykjavik
Day 2: Day tour to Golden Circle
Day 3: Day tour to South Coast
Day 4: Day tour to Reykjanes and Blue Lagoon
Day 5: Day tour to Snæfellsnes
Day 6: Free Day in Reykjavik
Day 7: Departure from Reykjavik

COST: $5,500 pp twin share.
$1000 single supplement.

HIGHLIGHTS
DISCOVER SCANDINAVIA’S 3 MODERN CAPITALS:
- Copenhagen
- Stockholm
- Oslo

ENJOY SCANDINAVIA’S GREAT RAIL JOURNEYS
- High Speed Swedish X2
- Flam Railway
- Bergen Railway
- Norland Railway

EXPLORE SCANDINAVIA’S SENSATIONAL SCENERY
- Inland fjord cruise
- 2 night coastal fjord cruise

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INCLUDED FEATURES:
- First Class rail travel in reserved seats
- 4 star city centre boutique hotels
- 9 dinners
- Full luggage handling
- Full time Historian / Tour Leader who is the Tour Company Principal

FACT BOX:
DURATION: 20 DAYS
DEPARTURES: AUGUST 27th, 2021
COST: Land Only Content (Starts in Copenhagen, ends in Oslo or Copenhagen)
SAU 14,950 per person twin share
Enquire about competitive airfares
Single room supplement $3,500

NOTE: Given the special nature of the Scandinavian landscape and transport timetables, on this tour we are forced to break with our standard practice of having 3 nights minimum at every stop.
TOUR OPERATOR: Great Trains of Europe Tours (ABN 75 325 010 987) is an ATAS accredited Travel Agent (#A12982). We are members of IATA (Licence #96836610).

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A deposit of $2,500 per person will guarantee a place (unless already filled, in which case you will be advised of your place on the waiting list. With a maximum tour size of 25 travellers, tours often fill early). Full final payment is due 90 days before commencement of the tour. Please make payment by cheque to “Great Trains of Europe Tours” or by bank transfer as follows:

Heritage Bank, Toowoomba
BSB 638-060 Account Number 111 097 34
Payment by credit card attracts a 1.5% surcharge.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellation at any time after the deposit is paid will result in the forfeiture of the deposit. Any booking cancelled between 90 days and 45 days before departure will incur a 50% cancellation charge on land content. Bookings cancelled within 45 days of departure will incur a 100% cancellation charge.

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BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: A baggage allowance of 20kgs per person applies to all tour members.

HOTELS: Hotel star ratings, where provided, are those of the country in which the hotel is situated, and vary from country to country.

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CONTRACT: The contract between the traveller and Great Trains of Europe Tours, entered into by your signing the booking form, shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Queensland.
One form per person, please.

Tour Name: ___________________________________________________________ Departure Date: ____________________

PASSPORT DETAILS

Full name (as in passport): _________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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Passport No: ________________________________ Date of Issue: _____________________________________ Expiry Date: ________________________
Nationality: _________________________________ Date of Birth: ______________________________________
Ph. Home: (     ) ______________________________ Ph. Work: (     ) _____________________________________
Mobile: ____________________________________ Email: ______________________________________________

MEDICAL / DIET

Do you have any medical conditions or dietary requirements that we should be alerted to?
☐ YES  ☐ NO If you answered YES, please outline briefly: __________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Are you able to walk 500 metres and climb 25 stairs without assistance?  ☐ YES  ☐ NO

NEXT OF KIN (to be contacted in event of an emergency)

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________
Ph. Home: (     ) ______________________________ Ph. Work: (     ) _____________________________________ Mobile: ____________________________

TRAVEL INSURANCE

☐ Please provide me with travel insurance.  ☐ I have a pre-existing medical condition.
 (NOTE: Passengers over 75 years of age at end of a tour will need a medical clearance)

☐ I decline your offer of travel insurance and attach documentary evidence that I have sufficient travel insurance cover.
  Insurance Company ________________________________________________________________ Policy Number _______________________

ACCOMMODATION

☐ Double   ☐ Twin, sharing with ______________________________________________________________

☐ Twin, please find someone to share with me. If no suitable room-mate can be found, the single supplement is payable.

☐ Single Room   ☐ Single occupancy of double sized room (surcharge)  ☐ Non-smoking  ☐ Smoking

EXTRA ACCOMMODATION

☐ Pre-Tour in ________________________________ (city) Date IN ___/___/___ Date OUT ___/___/___

☐ Post-Tour in ________________________________ (city) Date IN ___/___/___ Date OUT ___/___/___

FLIGHTS

☐ I seek your assistance with an airfare. Please contact me.  or  ☐ I will make my own flight arrangements.

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ I enclose a cheque, payable to “Great Trains of Europe Tours” for $ ________________________________ or

☐ I have deposited $ __________________________ in the “Great Trains of Europe Tours” account at Heritage Bank, 400 Ruthven St, Toowoomba, Qld.,
4350, Australia as follows.
BSB 638 — 060  Account Number 11109734  Switcode HBSLAU4T, and I attach a pay-in slip as evidence.

By signing this form I declare that I have read the Tour Terms and Conditions, understand them, and agree to abide by them.

Signature ____________________________________________________________________________________ Date _____________________________

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